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PASS DON FIELD, EA/TIMBS DRUG OFFICER

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO GOI IN DRUG CONTROL AREA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY DR. THOMAS P. CHEATHAM, INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT, CONTRAD, ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA, CONCERNING A PROPOSAL TO SELL SMALL COASTAL PATROL VESSELS TO GOI. CHEATHAM WAS RECENTLY IN JAKARTA TALKING WITH INDONESIAN NAVY AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ABOUT A MAJOR INCREASE IN GOI PATROLLING CAPABILITY. CHEATHAM IS PLANNING TO BE IN BANGKOK ON JULY 13 AND IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT OF THIS PROGRAM ON DRUG TRAFFIC WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH DON FIELD. A MAJOR INTEREST IS OF COURSE POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCE IN FINANCING PURCHASE OF COASTAL VESSELS.

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- 2. CHEATHAM HAS BRANCH OF CONTRAD IN THAILAND, ADDRESS: BANGKOK APARTMENTS 106, 588/3 PETCHBUR, RD, TEL: 2525123 WHERE HE WILL BE ON THURSDAY AND WILL TRY TO CONTACT FIELD AT THE EMBASSY.
- 3. EMBASSY JAKARTA WILL HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON DR. CHEATHAM FROM HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A VARIETY OF OTHER

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